(Rs. In crore)

Work/ scheme-wise	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Improvement/development of National Highways (NHs) through Original works (Plan)	76.52	83.00	79.51
Maintenance & Repairs (Non-Plan) of NHs.	30.46	29.46	46.28
National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase I and II through National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)	174.25	196.35	351.90
Maintenance of NHs prior to commencement of 4 laning through NHAI	4.55	10.87	11.11

Speed-breakers on National Highways

1782. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether speed-breakers or any other construction on National Highways to reduce/control the speed of motor-vehicles on certain points permissible;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that construction of speed-breakers and the likes have led to the accidents involving two wheelers and caused considerable damage to the four wheelers; and

(c) the guidelines/rules in force in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (c) Speed breakers, being impediments to free flow of traffic, apart from being safety hazard, are not allowed on National Highways as a policy. However, as per Ministry's guidelines provision of properly designed rumble strips are recommended at places like approaches to sharp curves or level crossings, congested or accident prone sections etc. to control the speed; but their indiscriminate provision is not allowed and location of rumble strips has to be approved by the Chief Engineer (National Highways) of the concerned State Public Works Department after satisfying himself of the actual requirement.

(b) No instance ot accident on account of provision of rumble strips has come to the notice of the Ministry.